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In common with the rest of the civilized world, Canadian communities have been profoundly impressed, through the revelations of the great war, with the necessity of emphasizing in the strongest possible way the educational activities that make for the formation of character and that tend to promote a high standard of individual and national life. While it is recognized that the ethical aim has always been present in the schools, it is well known that the diverse racial and religious elements of which our people are composed have hitherto made any attempt at organized moral education difficult. Misunderstandings, mutual distrust, inability to agree on content or method have prevented the co-operation necessary to effective action. It is believed, however, that many prejudices that formerly obscured essentials have disappeared as a consequence of the war and that the time is opportune for emphasizing the importance of character training as a preparation for citizenship. At the outset of the great struggle from which we have just emerged, the world was confronted with a people of some sixty millions thinking and feeling as one man in a conspiracy to subject the world to the domination of the German race. This unity of thought and purpose was the outcome of carefully planned and energetically conducted educational propaganda beginning in the elementary schools and carried on by university, church and press. If the energy of an entire people could be enlisted and directed by means of its educational agencies towards an evil purpose, it is believed that the same factors would be even more effective if set in motion for a righteous end. In this belief a number of gentle-

men, active in the professional, business and educational life in Winnipeg, resolved to come together to discuss the matter, and determine what action, if any, should be taken. On the invitation of His Honor Sir James Aikins, a meeting for this purpose was held at Government House and the progress of the discussion showed that all present were deeply interested, profoundly impressed with the need, and fully persuaded of the possibility of making a forward movement in education. It was recognized that any movement of the kind to be effective should be national in its scope and should command the interest and sympathy of all the people in every part of the Dominion without distinction of race or creed. To ascertain the extent to which such interest existed or could be aroused, a central committee was organized. Five gentlemen undertook to contribute one thousand dollars each for preliminary expenses and steps were then taken to present the matter to groups in the larger cities throughout Canada. Some forty cities and towns were covered, and local committees formed. Without going into detail, it may be sufficient to say that great interest was manifested at every point and that the various discussions led to the determination to call a national conference to discuss the question of moral education and training for citizenship. The purpose of the conference is to stimulate public interest so as to accentuate character training in the schools and other institutions. It is further hoped that one of the outcomes may be the establishment of a foundation for the study of the whole problem, the result of this study to be made available for educational workers everywhere.

The Rotary clubs undertook the finance and the necessary funds are in sight for the holding of the conference. The sum of \$70,000 has been pledged for the purpose. It is planned to hold the conference at Winnipeg on October 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1919, and an outline of the tentative programme will be found on pages 5, 6, and 7.

The Finance Committee consists of Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, Past International President of the Rotary Club; Sir James Aikins, W. J. Bulman, President Canadian Manufacturers' Association; H. W. Wood, Calgary, President Canadian Council of Agriculture; and N. P. Lambert, Secretary of the same organization. The Chairman of the Programme Committee is Chief Justice Mathers. Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, is Chairman of the Convening Committee at Winnipeg, and His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, the Governor-General of Canada, has graciously accorded his patronage to the conference and has consented to be present.

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The Secretary of the Convening Committee, Prof. W. F. Osborne, of the University of Manitoba, has addressed meetings in connection with this project in about forty representative centres throughout Canada. Below are the names of these centres. Opposite each is the name of the gentlemen either who called and presided at the meeting, or who was named Chairman of the group:

FREDERICTON, N. B.	His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Wood.
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(TENTATIVE PROGRAMME)

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Canadian Citizenship**

Winnipeg, October 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1919

October 20th: 9.00 to 12.00

Chairman:

**His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor
SIR JAMES ALPINS**

- 9.00-10.00—Registration of Delegates.
10.00-10.15—Address by Chairman.
10.15-10.30—Address by His Excellency the Governor-
General of Canada.
10.30-11.15—"The Moral and Spiritual Lessons of the
War for Canadian Education."
11.15-12.00—Discussion.
12.00 —Appointment of Resolutions Committee.

2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Chairman:

- 2.00- 2.15—Address by Chairman.
2.15- 2.45—"The School and the Development of
Moral Purpose."
2.45- 3.30—Discussion.
3.30- 4.15—"The Development of a National Char-
acter Through Education."
4.15- 5.00—Discussion.

Evening: 8.00 to 11.00

Reception at Government House

October 21st, 9.30 to 12.00

Chairman:

9.30- 9.45—Address by Chairman.

9.45-10.15—"The Essential Factors in Education."

10.15-10.45—Discussion.

10.45-11.15—"Auxiliaries to the Schools in Moral Training."

11.15-12.00—Discussion.

2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Chairman:

2.00-2.15—Address by Chairman.

2.15-3.00—"The Function of the Public School in Character Formation."

3.00-3.30—Discussion.

3.30-4.15—"Education and Reconstruction."

4.15-5.00—Discussion.

Evening 8 o'clock

Chairman:

8.00-8.15—Address by Chairman.

8.15-9.15—"The School and Industrial Relationships."

9.15 —Discussion.

October 22nd, 9.30 to 12.00

Chairman:

9.30- 9.45—Address by Chairman.

9.45-10.30—"The Relation of the School to Democracy."

10.30-11.00—Discussion.

11.00-11.30—"The School and the Newer Citizens of Canada."

11.30-12.15—Discussion.

2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Chairman:

2.00-2.15—Address by Chairman.

2.15-3.00—"The Ethics of Christ in the Life of the Nation."

3.00-3.45—Discussion.

3.45-5.00—Report of the Resolutions Committee.

Evening—8 o'clock

Chairman:

8.00-8.15—Address by Chairman.

8.15-9.15—Address.

9.15 —Report of the Resolutions Committee,
Discussion and Creation of National
Committee.

Comments on Proposal for National Conference on Education

- Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, Minister Knox Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg:—"A movement broadly constructive, which will deal in a fundamental way with a vital and acute problem."
- The Bishop of Fredericton, N.B.:—"There is a breadth of vision about this scheme which makes it very attractive."
- Chancellor Jones, University of Brunswick:—"I am entirely sympathetic to proposal. An active and eminent Bureau would be able to render great service."
- Dr. Kierstead, Professor of Philosophy, University of New Brunswick:—"Conference would be a splendid thing."
- Prof. Styles, Engineering Department, University of New Brunswick:—"Should have a Commission that will seriously study what kind of nation we want to be."
- J. W. Spurden, Bank Manager, Fredericton, N.B.:—"What we want is vision. This scheme seems to have it."
- George Inch, Normal School Staff, Fredericton:—"The Board proposed would tend to nationalize the spirit of our education."
- Chief Justice McKeown, St. John, N.B.:—"This plan proposed by Mr. Bulman is one of the biggest ideas ever described in my hearing. The national sense in which it is conceived is one of the grandest things I have ever heard of."
- Mr. Emerson, Chairman School Board, St. John, N.B.:—"If it succeeds it will open new era."
- John Sealey, Fish Merchant, St. John, N.B.:—"I like this because it reminds me of Arnold of Rugby."
- President Cutten, Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S.:—"The object is the evolution of a national ethical consciousness."
- Dr. Tufts, Professor of History and Political Economy, Acadia University, N.S.:—"Biggest thing ever started in Canada."
- H. G. Perry, Professor of Biology, Acadia University, N.S.:—"Conference is essential. Must be made to strike national imagination."
- Rev. N. Harkness, Wolfville, N.S.:—"Without a vision the people perish, and here is the vision."
- Dr. Black, M.P., Windsor, N.S.:—"This idea is one of the noblest that can be placed before the nation."
- H. C. Burchell, N.S.:—"The spiritual energies of the nation must be conserved and developed side by side with material; otherwise we shall do what Germany has done, that is, inaugurate an epoch of purely material efficiency."
- Justice Russell, Halifax:—"I have the largest sympathy with the project."
- Mr. Myles, National Drug Co., Halifax:—"Might be the salvation of Canada."
- Lieut.-Governor Grant, Halifax:—"Greatly impressed."
- Dean Llywdd, All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax:—"Cordial agreement with general point of view."
- C. H. Mitchell, Halifax:—"Good move."
- W. P. Parker, Halifax:—"We are jogging along fairly well, but that is not good enough. Would like to devote my life to that sort of ideal."
- Principal Robertson, Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, P.E.I.:—"Great teachers, with textbooks like those that is hoped to work out in this scheme, will work a transformation in a generation."

- Rev. Mr. Dawson, York, P.E.I.:—"Christian citizenship, the unselfishness of it, the sacrifice of it, the service of it! If we can get this idea grounded in the thinking of our children, a new generation will be produced."
- Rev. Mr. Freeman, Charlottetown, P.E.I.:—"This project strikes me as the conception of a statesman with a far-reaching vision."
- Col. J. S. Moore, Banker, Charlottetown, P.E.I.:—"Thoroughly, very thoroughly, in accord with proposal."
- C. H. Black, Merchant, Charlottetown, P.E.I.:—"One of the greatest things that can be started for the uplift of rising generation."
- Mr. McColl, Secretary Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., New Glasgow, N.S.:—"Bringing some hundreds of brainy men together can do nothing but good."
- H. L. Hewson, Amherst, N.S.:—"No one can afford to oppose this magnificent plan."
- J. Alex. Christie, Amherst, N.S.:—"There is a vision here that I should like to see worked out."
- G. K. Chapman, Amherst, N.S.:—"One of the best things re national education that I have heard of in a long time."
- Mr. Pethick, Manager Bank of Nova Scotia, Amherst, N.S.:—"Splendid thing, and if carefully carried out will place Canada on much higher plane."
- Mr. Neftal, Manager Bank of Montreal, Amherst:—"Principles of scheme will appeal to every big Canadian."
- Avard Black, Amherst, N.S.:—"The idea can be carried out. It will be a great national advance for us."
- Mayor Pipe, Amherst, N.S.:—"The plan suggests the vision of a larger Canada, and I am in sympathy with it."
- Mr. Harrison, President Canadian Club, Amherst, N.S.:—"At one with object, and at one with method of bringing it about."
- Ex-Governor Wood, Sackville, N.B.:—"I should like to see the effort made."
- Rev. H. Wigle, Principal Ladies' College, Sackville, N.B.:—"I receive this message as an inspiration."
- Dr. Richard (French Acadian), Moncton, N.B.:—"This Winnipeg idea of bringing together all classes in a Conference is a fine one."
- M. Leblanc, Moncton, N.B.:—"The idea should receive generous response."
- M. Arsenault, Moncton, N.B.:—"The suggestion, if carried out, will be of great advantage to Canada."
- M. Bourgeois, Moncton, N.B.:—"I hope this Convention will come soon."
- Mr. McKully, K.C., President Canadian Club, Moncton, N.B.:—"This Convention is move in right direction."
- Mayor Wood, Sackville, N.B.:—"Am in hearty accord."
- Wm. Tytler, School Inspector, Guelph, Ontario:—"Heart and soul with the whole movement."
- Principal Young, Guelph, Ontario:—"No more hopeful sign for Canada than that we have men of this calibre thinking of these things, and planning for them."
- R. L. Torrance, Manager Royal Bank, Guelph, Ont.:—"Would like to see the whole group present pledge itself to represent the movement in this locality and bring about its success."
- J. M. Duff, Manager Bank of Commerce, Guelph, Ont.:—"Heartily in sympathy."
- J. M. Taylor, President Taylor-Forbes Co., Guelph, Ont.:—"My duty will be to be one of those to contribute the sinews of war—to get men for this Board."

- John Hancock, Chairman School Board, Galt, Ontario:—"The secret of disinterested public service lies in education. We should be prepared to join with our friends in the West."
- Principal Gundry, Collegiate Institute, Galt, Ont.:—"Delighted with suggestion of National Bureau. Have no doubt great national impetus would come from this plan."
- Principal Linton, Public Schools, Galt, Ont.:—"The scheme is a 1 and one."
- Principal D. S. McPherson, Central School, Galt, Ont.:—"Hope Conference will be called, and that Galt will be well represented."
- Dr. Buchanan, Collegiate Institute Board, Galt, Ont.:—"This task is stupendous, but inspiring."
- Rev. W. H. Snelgrove, Galt, Ont.:—"Here is a really big idea."
- Principal Silcox, Normal School, Stratford, Ont.:—"National Bureau of Education is to my mind the only way to build up a nation-wide consciousness. When this Conference is held, I'll be there, if I have to walk there!"
- Mr. Gillies, Manual Training Staff, Stratford, Ont.:—"I am persuaded that practical Christian citizenship, the unselfish attitude, will enable us to join hands with Quebec."
- Principal C. A. Mayberry, Collegiate Institute, Stratford, Ont.:—"Thoroughly in favor of idea. Let us keep in close touch with the Winnipeg Committee."
- H. W. Strudeley, Stratford, Ont.:—"Method essential in order to build great nation."
- Mr. McLaughlin, Stratford, Ont.:—"National Bureau as clearing-house for ideas would be an excellent thing."
- George McLagan, Furniture Manufacturer, Stratford, Ont.:—"That we should have before us a goal exactly the reverse of Germany is superb. Organize for efficiency—only, let the efficiency be in capacity for service, instead of in capacity for ministering to selfishness. If we can see launched in this country a movement that will enthrone unselfishness, a great new era will be opened."
- Duncan McVannell, St. Mary's, Ont.:—"National idea admirable. It would have a very great influence."
- Rev. Captain Master, St. Mary's Ont.:—"Movement of this sort is simply taking hold of a fertile field that lies freely before us. Perfectly feasible and possible. Now is the time."
- W. A. McIntyre, Chairman Collegiate Institute Board, St. Mary's, Ont.:—"Someone has had a vision of what our national life requires."
- Rev. Mr. Spence, St. Mary's, Ont.:—"If we are going to harmonize the races, this plan must be carried out."
- Rev. W. A. Bowyer, Brantford, Ont.:—"There are very good men behind this scheme."
- Mrs. A. S. Jones, Brantford, Ont.:—"I agree entirely with the plan."
- Mrs. Ballachey, Member School Board, Brantford, Ont.:—"I think a National Conference on Education would be an excellent thing."
- W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., Brantford, Ont.:—"If this one great idea can be got out of the war, I believe we shall be well repaid."
- Mr. Chadsey, Manager Massey-Harris Co., Brantford, Ont.:—"I think it is wonderful that any group of men should have conceived so great an idea."

- Rev. G. A. Woodside, Brantford, Ont.:—"A national goal, and not a national machine, is what we want."
- W. G. Raymond, Postmaster, Brantford, Ont.:—"A free people can put a great spirit in control of its educational machine. This is the central idea of this fine scheme."
- F. E. Leonard, President Board of Trade, London, Ont.:—"I shall take pleasure in watching movement, and will give it support."
- Mayor Sommerville, London, Ont.:—"I appreciate this effort to impress the idea of nationality on our people."
- Professor Patterson, Western University, London, Ont.:—"Goal presented is: Domination by service. This is a great spiritual idea."
- Principal Radcliffe, Normal School, London, Ont.:—"I am in favor of the ideas of Conference and Bureau."
- Prof. Sherwood Fox, Western University, London, Ont.:—"There are dangers in unified education, but this proposal of an nonicial, independent Bureau avoids this danger. Its functions would be advisory only."
- Inspector Taylor, St. Thomas, Ont.:—"This community will not be remiss in assisting this worthy undertaking."
- C. F. Maxwell, Ex-Mayor, St. Thomas, Ont.:—"German Kultur means 'German Might is Right.' Let us make key of our Culture: 'Service for the World.' I should like to see this Bureau established."
- Dr. James H. Coyne, St. Thomas, Ont.:—"The idea of developing a common Canadian spirit is one that deserves great attention. I approve whole idea."
- Principal A. T. McNeill, Baptist College, Woodstock, Ont.:—"What must be the great constructive force of the future? It must be education. I agree with idea of a Conference."
- Robert Johnson, Ex-Chairman School Board, Woodstock, Ont.:—"These men in the West are leading the way."
- E. B. Terryberry, President Board of Trade, Woodstock, Ont.:—"We are all ready to go on record as declaring that this idea is a move decidedly in right direction. Good idea to bring in big Britons and Americans to consult."
- Rev. Captain Appleyard, Woodstock, Ont.:—"Let us train a nation that will think of the 'other fellow.' I promise my support."
- Professor Russell, Baptist College, Woodstock, Ont.:—"Project appeals to me tremendously. Let us take the efficiency of the Germans, and scrap their morality."
- Rev. Dr. Gibson, Woodstock, Ont.:—"Great personalities and good citizens should be the output of our schools. Endorse scheme."
- James Whiting, Moosomin, Sask.:—"The line is a most worthy one stamps its originators as high-minded citizens."
- Rev. Mr. Heathfield, Moosomin, Sask.:—"We are on the eve of a great constructive period, and these men are laying foundations for a far-sighted scheme."
- W. P. Reekie, Regina, Sask., Chairman Saskatchewan Education League:—"We have come to time when we must look at Education in a National way."
- Dr. W. W. Andrews, Regina, Sask.:—"Let us develop a great common spirit in all our schools. We must get into and through our schools the throb of a united Canada."

Dr. Stapleford, President Regina College:—"This is the thing that Canada needs."

J. A. Maharg, M.P., Moose Jaw, Sask.:—"Heartily concur with idea. We should have a national perspective in education. Glad that movement started in Western Canada."

J. W. Sifton, Superintendent of Schools, Moose Jaw, Sask.:—"Time is opportune for us to get together. We should develop school systems that will be animated by a National Ideal."

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, replying to a deputation from the Winnipeg Committee, which waited upon him at Government House, Winnipeg, on August 25th, 1918, commented on the significance attaching to the fact that such a public-spirited movement should have been conceived at such a time. He expressed the pleasure he felt at hearing of the success that had so far been achieved. His Excellency in conclusion expressed the hope that he would be able, personally, to attend the sessions of the Congress.

COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO ARRANGE
DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIAL RATES OF
TRANSPORTATION AND THE RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT OF DELEGATES.

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